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**PROJECT FOR COMMISSION  
ORDERED TRANSMISSION  
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§ **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
§ **OF TEXAS**  
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## **ORDER**

This Order addresses the Commission's ordering of construction of transmission lines and facilities to ensure safe and reliable electric service in Texas.

Pursuant to PURA<sup>1</sup> §§ 35.005(b) and 39.203(e), in order to ensure safe and reliable electric service in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, the Commission orders Electric Transmission Texas, LLC, South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Sharyland Utilities, L.L.C. to construct a new second circuit on the existing double-circuit capable 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the San Miguel station and the Palmito station. Pursuant to PURA §§ 35.005(b) and 39.203(e), the Commission also orders Sharyland and AEP Texas, Inc. to construct new 345-kV transmission facilities to close the loop from Palmito to North Edinburg.

The joint certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) application that Sharyland and AEP Texas will be filing for the new close-the-loop transmission facilities must be filed as soon as practicable, but no later than June 30, 2022. The joint applicants must notify the Commission if additional time will be needed to file the CCN application.

The Commission is not making a determination of the reasonableness of costs associated with the transmission lines and facilities ordered to be constructed in this Order. The reasonableness of costs for the constructed transmission lines and facilities will be addressed in future rate proceedings.

Transmission service providers that are responsible for building the ordered transmission lines and facilities must provide quarterly progress reports to the Commission, beginning November 1, 2021, regarding their status in completing the construction of the ordered transmission lines and facilities. The quarterly progress reports must address the tasks that are



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<sup>1</sup> Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code §§ 11.001–66.016.

necessary to complete the construction of the transmission lines and facilities, with time estimates for completing each task; a log of tasks and construction that have been completed; the identification of all reliability and safety measures that are necessary to complete the construction of the transmission lines and facilities, including the progress to date on those measures; the identification of coordination efforts with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. that are necessary to reliably complete the construction of the transmission lines and facilities, including the progress to date on those efforts; and, an explanation of any delays, including supply-chain issues, with supporting documentation that explains the reason for any delay.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
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